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Rep. Sanfelippo issues remarks on John Doe ruling

MADISON, Wis. – State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, issued the following remarks after the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled to end the John Doe investigation into Gov. Scott Walker's campaign and several conservative groups:

“The Supreme Court ruling is a major victory for freedom of speech and expression. These are freedoms that are outlined in our founding documents and have been around since the birth of our country. When an oppressive government becomes destructive to these ends, it is our God-given right to alter or abolish it.

Our Founding Fathers went to great lengths to shape a government with limited powers. The shameful process initiated by the Milwaukee County district attorney and aided by the state Government Accountability Board proves our present John Doe laws subvert that intention and threaten the liberty of our citizens.

I call on legislative leaders in the state Senate and the Assembly to advance Rep. Dave Craig's and Sen. Tom Tiffany's proposals, [Assembly Bill 68](#) and [Senate Bill 43](#), to reform the John Doe laws. These bills will put an end to similar abuses in the future by making substantive changes to the John Doe process while ensuring the protection of citizens' civil rights.”

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